



# Core Maths

NCFE's **Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics for Everyday Life (Core Maths)** is suitable for a number of learners and provides them with the opportunity to develop their skills and confidence by using maths to solve meaningful and relevant problems.

As this is a relatively new qualification, we've listed below some key information on our Core Maths qualification, to help you understand more about the qualification and the benefits for you and your learners.

## What is Core Maths?



- > an umbrella term for a specific type of level 3 maths qualification
- > an alternative post-16 maths pathway to AS and A level maths
- > an equivalent to an AS level in terms of size.

## Who is Core Maths for?



Core Maths is available for students who have achieved a grade 4 or higher at GCSE. Take a look at our learner factsheet to find out more about which learners this qualification is suitable for.

## Benefits for learners



- > Helps develop their quantitative and problem-solving skills providing valuable preparation for degree courses that don't require AS/A level mathematics, such as psychology or sport.
- > Can support with other subjects that have mathematical content e.g. psychology, which has at least 10% mathematical content.
- > It has the same number of UCAS tariff points as an AS level, providing great progression into higher education.
- > Only 20% is new content. 80% of the qualification is GCSE content, so it consolidates and builds on understanding from GCSE, to aid learning.
- > Focuses on real problem-solving to help learners apply maths to authentic, unfamiliar questions/problems and uses technology to build fluency, confidence and competence.

## Why offer Core Maths?



- > It can be taught over 1 or 2 years to keep students studying maths between GCSE and HE or employment.
- > It can be studied alongside other A levels or qualifications, including vocational courses.
- > There's funding available from the advanced maths premium to support embedding it into your curriculum.
- > Increasing numbers of universities are supporting Core Maths in the offers they are giving students.
- > A great option for learners who had their learning disrupted during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- > We offer a suite of teaching resources tailored to support engaging and innovative teaching.
- > It comes with UCAS points and 16-19 Level 3 performance measure for schools and colleges.

## Interested?

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